

**Island County Board of Health
Regular Meeting - Monday, October 17, 2011
Minutes**

DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR TODAY'S MEETING, MINUTES ARE IN HARD COPY FORMAT ONLY. THERE IS NO AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING.

Members Present: Commissioners: Helen Price Johnson, Angie Homola, and Kelly Emerson; Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner; Jim Slowik, Mayor of Oak Harbor; Captain Susan Lichtenstein, MSC, USN, Ex-Officio Member; and, Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Members Absent: No Members were absent.

Call to Order: Chair Helen Price Johnson called this Regular Meeting of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:15 p.m.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: There were no requests for additions or changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: The Chair called for the approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2011 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Homola moved for approval. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Public Input or Comments: The Chair invited members of the public who wished to provide input or make comments to indicate their wish to do so. There were no requests to comment.

Presentation – Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) Program: Suzanne Turner, Community and Family Health Section Director, introduced Kathy O'Meara-Wyman, Managing Director of the Washington State Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) Program. ABCD is a collaborative effort of Washington Dental Service Foundation, the University of Washington School of Dentistry, DSHS, the Washington State Dental Association, the Department of Health, local dental societies, and local health jurisdictions. The ABCD program is administered in Island County by the Island County Public Health.

Acknowledging that dental decay is the single most common chronic disease in children, the ABCD program focuses on expanding access to oral health services in Washington state by providing preventive and restorative dental care to Medicaid-eligible children from birth through age five, with the emphasis on enrollment by age one. Research shows that early prevention can substantially reduce future dental costs. ABCD emphasizes the importance of young children receiving preventive care as soon as the first teeth emerge so that they are on the right track for better oral and overall health. Washington dental practices now see 128,000 children under age 6 and, over the last 10 years, the percentage of Medicaid insured children under age 6 in Washington receiving dental care has nearly doubled from 23% to 43%.

Contracts: Keith Higman presented three contracts to the Board for their consideration:

1. Opportunity Council – Island County Septic Inspection Intake & Referral Program
Contract No. HD-19-10, Amendment No. 1
Contract Amount: \$ 4,800
Amendment Amount: \$ (15,200)
2. Department of Ecology – WRIA 6 Education and Outreach
Contract No. G1000489, Amendment No. 3
Contract Amount: \$ 30,000
Amendment Amount: \$ -0-
3. Skagit Valley College – Skagit/Islands Head Start Consultation
Contract No. HD-12-11
Contract Amount: \$ 1,500

Commissioner Homola moved that the contracts be approved as presented. Mayor Slowik seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Updates: Keith Higman, Health Services Director, told the Board that state revenue forecasters have overestimated revenues and the current state budget must be readjusted for an estimated \$1.4 billion shortfall in revenue. The Governor has called for a 10% reduction across the board for general fund programs. For Department of Health, this will have a \$16 million impact.

Health Department Report: Keith Higman advised the Board that Island County and the City of Oak Harbor will participate in a one-day pharmaceutical take-back on Saturday, October 29th. There will be two take-back locations, one at Oak Harbor Police Department on Barrington Drive in Oak Harbor and a second at the Island County Sheriff's South Whidbey precinct office in Freeland.

Keith reminded the Board of last month's presentation given by Scott Davis, Quality Improvement Coordinator with the Tacoma Pierce Health Department/CDC Centers for Excellence, about the importance of quality improvement and the execution of quality improvement planning. He advised the Board that Island County Public Health has finalized its 2011-2012 Quality Improvement Plan and has submitted it to Department of Health. This will be Island County Public Health's guideline for continued improvements.

Board Comments: Member Anne Tarrant commented that she supports the ABCD program to increase access to dental services and hopes that the educational piece will impact parents.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Chair Price Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be a Regular Meeting held on November 21, 2011 at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted: _____
Roger S. Case, MD
Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this 21st day of November 2011
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Helen Price Johnson, Board Chair